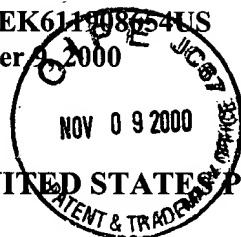


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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.129(a)

Applicants respectfully request that the "finality" of the previous final rejection, mailed October 12, 1999, be withdrawn, and that the proposed response, mailed herewith, be considered on its merits.

This application, filed prior to June 8, 1995, makes reference under 35 U.S.C. §120 to an earlier application, thus reflecting an effective pendency of more than two years prior to June 8, 1995. This submission is made prior to filing an Appeal Brief under 37 C.F.R. §1.193 and prior to abandonment.

Submitted herewith is a check for the \$355.00 fee, as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(r). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 17810-705 (CTI-N5 DIV 12). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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